

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Kazuhiko Oogake	:	
	:	Examiner: Marguerite J. McMhon
Serial No.: 10/575,793	:	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3747
Filed: April 14, 2006	:	
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For: INTERNAL COMBUSTION	:	
ENGINE AND LINER	:	Customer No.: 27128
INSTALLATION RING	:	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4921
Last Office Action: December 27, 2007	:	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 6, 2008, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution at this time the Species I claims, namely, claims 1, 4, 6-13, 16. The election of the Species I claims is made without traverse and without prejudice to the non-elected Species II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII claims. Species I is illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 5.

Because Applicants may wish to pursue claims of the non-elected Species at a later date by Divisional Applications, it is requested that these non-elected claims, namely, claims 2, 3, 5, 14 and 15, be permitted to remain in the application, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142, but withdrawn from examination.

This response does not present any new matter, and the election of the Species I claims does not give rise to any amendment of inventorship with respect to the present application.

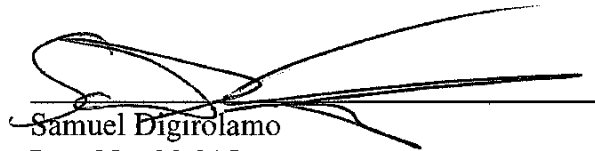
Accordingly, as all requirements of the Action have been complied with, an action on the merits and a Notice of Allowance are hereby respectfully solicited.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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